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HEALTH AUTHORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PORT MEDICAL OFFICER.
1957



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NEW SHOREHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

16 Buckingham Road,
Shoreham-by-Sea,
Sussex.

To: The Chairman and Members of
the New Shoreham Port Health
Authority.

7th February 1958

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st December 1957.

During that period 289 vessels including 36 yachts arrived from foreign ports (net registered tonnage 64,365) and 1,886 vessels from coastwise ports (net registered tonnage 695,150), a total of 2,175 vessels. This shows an increase of 61 vessels (53,002 net registered tonnage) coastwise, and a decrease of 69 vessels (60,150 net registered tonnage) from foreign. This decrease is due to the fall in imports of foreign coal - 131 vessels (69,684 n.r.t.) less than last year.

On the 9th September 1957, the new lock was used for the first time by larger vessels. The "Sir William Walker" of 1,454 n.r.t., 2,901 gross, commenced the service of larger colliers to the power station.

During the year, 262 vessels from foreign ports and 1,548 vessels from coastwise ports were inspected and 13 notices for defects were served, 13 being complied with. A number of minor defects such as lack of cleanliness in galleys and crew's quarters were dealt with by verbal cautions to the masters or crews of the vessels concerned.

Rodent Control

All vessels from foreign ports were searched during and on completion of discharge. On two vessels evidence of rats was found, two rats being killed.

58 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued.

Infectious Disease

No cases of infectious disease were landed from vessels entering the port. All vessels from suspected and infected areas (i.e. Western Mediterranean) were boarded on arrival, two vessels from infected ports being boarded on arrival by the Medical Officer of Health.

Four cases of Shigella Flexneri (Type W) were reported from a houseboat, two being sent to hospital.

Food

Imports of food cargoes and part cargoes have again increased this year. These include:-

680 tons apples	460 tons potatoes
810 tons grapes	1970 tons onions
400 tons apricots	450 bags carrots
1081 cases melons	75 cases garlic
1350 cases peaches	200 cases tinned pears
119 barrels apricot pulp	75 cases tinned prunes
1200 tons oranges	110 cases tinned mushrooms
4797 cases lard	200 cases tinned pears
100 barrels lard	75 cases tinned prunes
100 cases fruit juice	3 crates cheese
3 barrels fruit juice	1 case salami sausage
	2 barrels sausage casings.

A sample of apricot pulp was taken and submitted to the Public Analyst at Lewes and found to contain an excess of sulphur dioxide - 20% in excess of the permitted amount under the Public Health (Preservatives in Food) Regulations. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was notified, the ultimate destination being a jam manufacturer. The cargo was allowed to leave the docks without further action.

Houseboats

Regular inspections of the houseboats moored in Southwick Canal, the Riverside at Shoreham, and Pinks Easton Yard at Shoreham, were made. There was no nuisance from any discharges from these vessels. All are maintained in a good condition.

An infestation of fleas was reported by several of the boats at Pinks Easton Yard. The boats concerned were sprayed; no apparent cause for the infestations could be found in the vicinity and all the boats concerned were very clean and well-maintained.

A complaint of rat infestation from the houseboats moored at the Norfolk Bridge end of the harbour was dealt with by the Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Council.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Deputy Port Health Medical Officer for his assistance during my absence, the Deputy Port Inspector, the Officers of H.M. Customs, the Shoreham Harbour Trustees and the shipping agents for their willing co-operation. Particularly I should like to thank Mr. Tate for his untiring efforts. The efficiency of this work depends on routine and minute attention to detail. I am sure we have in Mr. Tate, a most conscientious and painstaking officer.

I am, Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T. H. HARRISON,

Port Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

STAFF

TABLE A.

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
T.H.Harrison	Port Medical Officer	1.4.55	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.	M.O.H. to Shoreham & Southwick U.D.C.s. M.O.H. to Chanctonbury R.D.C. Assistant M.O.H. to West Sussex C.C.
A.J.Partridge	Deputy Port Medical Officer	1.4.55	F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.R.C.O.G.	Police Surgeon, West Sussex Constabulary Steyning Division.
A. Tate	Port Health Inspector	1.8.55	D.P.A., C.R.S.I., M.A.P.H.I.	--
T.A.Eardley	Deputy Port Health Inspector	1942	C.S.I.B.	Public Health Inspector to Southwick U.D.C.

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health:

"White Lodge",
Buckingham Road,
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA.

Shoreham 3550.

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B.

SHIPS FROM:	NO.	NET TONNAGE	NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS		INFECTIOUS DISEASE
			M.O.H.	P.H.I.	
FOREIGN	289	64,365	5	262	-
COASTWISE	1,886	695,150	9	1,548	-
HOUSE- BOATS			2	16	6
TOTALS	2,175	759,515	16	1,826	6

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC. A number of pleasure steamers sailed from Brighton for day trips coastwise

CARGO TRAFFIC.

IMPORTS

FROM FOREIGN PORTS

	<u>No. of ships</u>	<u>Net tonnage</u>
Coal	27	12,212
Timber	90	22,180
Stone	9	2,147
General	58	12,301
Ballast	41	6,829
Fruit	14	4,021
Potatoes	4	1,174
Bog Ore	3	1,237
Bricks	2	324
Onions	3	794
Oyster Shell	1	119
Potash	1	260
Yachts	36	767

COASTWISE

Coal	724	466,376
Beach	473	90,125
Oil	504	77,170
Slag	64	30,646
Stone	43	15,931
Ballast	73	13,940
Potatoes	5	762
	<u>1,886</u>	<u>695,150</u>

EXPORTS

	<u>No. of ships</u>	<u>Net tonnage</u>
General	52	11,236
Coke Breeze	29	6,957
Scrap	83	12,643
Fruit	2	419

PRINCIPAL PORTS FROM WHICH SHIPS ARRIVE.

<u>BRITISH</u>		<u>FOREIGN</u>			
Southampton	705	Port Talbot	26	Rotterdam	28
Goole & Hull	375	Llandulais	16	Ostend	35
London	291	Newlyn	12	Rouen	27
Tyne	101	Poole	12	Dieppe	12
Blyth	108	Flixbro	9	Hamburg	7
Amble	55	Portsmouth	9	Rundvik	6
Hartlepool	52	Port Houstock	10		
Middlesbro	53	Others	52		

VARIOUS PORTS

Sweden	30	France	22	Norway	6
Finland	25	Belgium	8	Spain	6
Channel Isles	12	Germany	8	Greece	6
Denmark	5	Holland	4	Cyprus	3
Russia	4	Poland	3	Egypt	1

FOREIGN PORTS FROM WHICH VESSELS HAVE ARRIVED.

<u>FINLAND</u>	Arbenraa, Haukipudas, Ixpila, Karlstona, Kemi, Kopmanholm, Kotka, Mantyluoto, Pernoviken, Ransa, Skoghall, Umba.
<u>NORWAY</u>	Arendal, Nordmaling, Norsundert.
<u>SWEDEN</u>	Abo, Ala, Burea, Gamleby, Gefle, Hamina, Hudiksval, Hunnebostrand, Husan, Kalix, Karlsborg, Karlshamn, Monsternas, Oskarham, Oxelsund, Pitea, Roytta, Rundvik, Sandvik, Skelleftehamn, Sodehamn, Uddevalla.
<u>RUSSIA</u>	Archangel, Mesane.
<u>HOLLAND</u>	Amsterdam, Delfzyl, Flushing, Rotterdam.
<u>GERMANY</u>	Bremen, Hamburg.
<u>POLAND</u>	Danzig, Stettin.
<u>DENMARK</u>	Esbjerg, Fredriksund, Skarrebage.
<u>CYPRUS</u>	Famagusta, Limasol.
<u>JERSEY & GUERNSEY</u>	
<u>SPAIN</u>	Almeira, Cartagena, Palma, Valencia.
<u>EGYPT</u>	Alexandria.
<u>BELGIUM</u>	Antwerp, Ghent, Ostend.

FRANCE Boulogne, Calais, Dieppe, Dunkirk, Gravelines, Honfleur,
Le Havre, Le Mailleraie, Rouen, Sable D'Ollono.

IRE Limerick, Mulroy.

GREECE Aeghion, Chios, Corinth, Kalymnos, Patras

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

Number using the district - Nil

Tonnage - Nil

Places served by the traffic - Nil

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY.

Source of supply for the district - Brighton Corporation

Source of supply for shipping - Brighton Corporation

Reports of tests for - One sample of water was taken and
contamination submitted to the P.H. Laboratory.
The result was satisfactory.

Precautions taken against - Hosepipes are delivered from
contamination of hydrants store and collected on request.
and hosepipes.

Number and sanitary condition - Nil
of water boats, and powers
of control by authority.

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

No change.

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX.

- (i) Arrangements have been made for the removal of smallpox cases to Long Reach Hospital, Dartford.
- (ii) The transport of smallpox patients would be by ambulance provided by the Brighton Corporation.
- (iii) The Consultant in respect of suspected cases of smallpox is Dr. W.S. Parker, Medical Officer of Health, Brighton.
- (iv) The Public Health Laboratory in Brighton is available for the examination of specimens submitted for diagnosis.

SECTION VIII

VENEREAL DISEASE.

No change.

15 cases reported to Brighton and Worthing Clinics for treatment as follows:

- 5 Gonorrhoea
- 3 Non-specific urethritis
- 7 Other conditions.

SECTION IX

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D.

Category	Disease	No. of cases during year		No. of Ships concerned
		Pass.	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports		NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed before arrival		NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases landed from other ships (Houseboats)	Dysentery	6		1

SECTION X

MALARIA IN SHIPS.

No ships visit the Port from Malarial countries.

SECTION XI

MEASURES AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

No cases of plague have been reported on ships arriving at this Port.

SECTION XII

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

All ships from foreign ports were searched during and on completion of discharge but no evidence of rats was found.

TABLE E.

No rat infestation has been found on ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F.

58 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during the year.

SECTION XIII

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.

Nature & Number of Inspections	No. of ships	Notices served		Result of serving notices
		Statu- tory	Others	
Foreign	262	-	NIL	NIL
Coastwise	1548	-	13	13
Houseboats	20	-	-	-

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

No change

SECTION XV

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

No change.

